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<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER <b>207,339</b>
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. <b>QPCT/EP2004/006884</b>	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE <b>25 June 2004 (25.06.2004)</b>	U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) <b>11763543</b>
TITLE OF INVENTION <b>METHOD FOR OPERATING A STRIP CASTING MACHINE FOR PRODUCING A METAL STRIP</b>		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US <b>MARTI, Heinrich, et al.</b>		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
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<p>11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.</p> <p>12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</p> <p>13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.</p> <p>14. <input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.</p> <p>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</p> <p>16. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.</p> <p>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821- 1.825.</p> <p>18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p>		

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<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>				<b>\$ 900.00</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Fees above are reduced by ½.				0.00	
<b>SUBTOTAL =</b>				<b>\$ 900.00</b>	
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